



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

December 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03		Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised		Preliminary	Revised	Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,134.8	1,132.9	1,125.6	Utilities	7.8	7.7	7.8
Natural Resources & Mining	9.0	9.1	9.0	Electric Power	5.4	5.3	5.4
Construction	51.5	52.1	51.7	Transportation & Warehousing	35.2	35.6	36.9
Manufacturing	179.5	179.4	177.2	Warehousing & Storage	7.7	7.8	7.9
Durable Goods	116.0	116.0	112.0	Information	14.5	14.5	14.6
Wood Products	12.9	13.1	12.5	Telecommunications	7.8	7.9	7.9
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.8	5.9	5.6	Finance & Insurance	34.7	34.4	34.3
Primary Metals	2.7	2.6	2.5	Credit Intermediation	21.6	21.6	20.9
Fabricated Metals	10.6	10.8	11.3	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.4	15.4	15.1
Machinery	11.8	11.5	11.7	Insurance Carriers	11.0	10.8	11.7
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.4	4.1	4.1	Real Estate & Rental	10.9	11.7	12.0
Computers - Electronics	3.1	3.1	2.8	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	30.9	30.9	29.5
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	9.1	8.9	8.6	Management of Companies	9.6	9.6	10.7
Electrical Equipment	3.7	3.6	3.9	Admin Spt & Waste Management	43.2	43.0	42.2
Transportation Equipment	28.4	28.3	26.1	Education Services	15.0	15.1	14.4
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.3	6.3	6.4	Health Care & Social Assistance	105.5	105.3	101.5
Ship & Boat Building	15.3	15.3	14.5	Hospitals	30.4	30.7	30.3
Furniture	27.9	28.1	27.3	Nursing & Resident Care	21.2	21.1	20.3
Nondurable Goods	63.5	63.4	65.2	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	11.6	11.9	13.2
Food Products	28.0	28.1	28.2	Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	10.6	10.8	12.2
Animal Slaughtering	19.1	19.2	20.2	Gambling	5.5	5.5	6.1
Apparel	5.0	5.1	5.6	Accommodation & Food Services	113.0	113.2	109.2
Paper Products	5.5	5.5	5.8	Accommodation	37.8	38.2	36.4
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.2	Food Services & Drinking	75.2	75.0	72.8
Converted Paper Products	3.3	3.3	3.6	Other Services (Private)	37.1	36.8	37.2
Chemicals	5.6	5.5	6.4	Repair & Maintenance	10.0	10.0	10.2
Plastics & Rubber	9.4	9.3	9.4	Government	247.4	247.1	246.6
Wholesale Trade	37.8	37.2	35.8	Federal	26.0	26.0	25.6
Retail Trade	140.6	138.3	141.8	State	62.5	62.5	63.1
Food & Beverage Stores	19.6	19.7	19.6	State Education	23.1	23.3	23.1
Grocery Stores	18.1	18.2	18.1	Local	158.9	158.6	157.9
General Merchandise	39.0	37.8	39.2	Local Education	86.6	86.4	86.2
Department Stores	11.7	11.1	11.1				
Other General Merchandise	27.3	26.7	28.1				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

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Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03
Manufacturing	\$527.87	\$518.70	\$529.34	39.6	39.0	40.5	\$13.33	\$13.30	\$13.07
Durable Goods	566.62	556.71	570.87	41.0	40.4	41.7	13.82	13.78	13.69
Wood Products	467.85	465.19	449.70	43.4	42.6	41.6	10.78	10.92	10.81
Fabricated Metals	527.35	534.80	595.44	39.8	40.0	42.2	13.25	13.37	14.11
Machinery	619.01	637.15	561.91	43.5	43.7	41.5	14.23	14.58	13.54
Furniture	459.00	458.54	489.50	38.8	38.5	39.7	11.83	11.91	12.33
Nondurable Goods	460.54	452.74	465.17	37.2	36.6	38.7	12.38	12.37	12.02
Food Products	396.13	375.24	364.69	38.2	37.3	37.1	10.37	10.06	9.83

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 1,900 from October and 9,300 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 100 jobs over the month and 2,300 since November 2003.
- ◆ With the start of the holiday shopping season, retail trade showed the largest monthly employment increase with 2,300 more jobs than October.
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 1,000 more people than October. Unemployed individuals decreased 8,700 while employed individuals increased 9,700 over the month.
- ◆ The November unemployment rate decreased six-tenths of one percentage point from last month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03
All Items	186.8	186.5	180.2	Medical Care	313.6	312.7	300.1
Food & Beverages	188.1	187.9	182.4	Recreation / 1	106.3	106.2	105.6
Housing	186.4	186.2	180.9	Education & Communications /	110.6	110.5	109.6
Apparel	122.6	123.5	122.6	Other Goods & Services	314.9	314.7	307.7
Transportation	165.8	165.3	153.6	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	191.0	190.9	184.5

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03		Nov 04	Oct 04	Nov 03
	Prelim.	Revised	Revised		Prelim.	Revised	Revised
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Labor Force	1,329.9	1,328.9	1,314.6	Labor Force	1,328.2	1,326.0	1,313.0
Unemployed	78.3	87.0	67.1	Unemployed	85.9	83.1	74.8
Rate	5.9%	6.5%	5.1%	Rate	6.5%	6.3%	5.7%
Employed	1,251.6	1,241.9	1,247.5	Employed	1,242.3	1,242.9	1,238.2
U.S. Rate	5.2	5.1	5.6	U.S. Rate	5.4	5.5	5.9

Data compiled by Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department, in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics